

the Government to consult the expert and do what they can in the matter. With these words, I beg leave of the House to withdraw the resolution.

Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

8. Establishment of a Tuberculosis Hospital in the State.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (Chittur Rural).—“*This Council recommends to the Government that a Tuberculosis Hospital be established at a suitable place in the State.*”

Sir, the number of persons that die due to tuberculosis in the State is on the increase. Once a person is affected by this disease, he is doomed for ever. I am not unaware of the fact that Government is giving some assistance to the Cochinites, but only the rich can take advantage of the outside agencies to which Government gives help. It is next to impossible for the poor people to go a long way and incur the expenses there. At this time when the economic depression is very heavy and when people find it difficult to make both ends meet the poor cannot expect outside agencies to help them. Government now will only give out the idea whether they think of having a hospital so that the graduates may come forward offering to get themselves qualified for the post by the time Government may have some funds to start such an institution. I give out this idea so that they may not disagree with the proposition for want of funds. Therefore, I have great pleasure in proposing that “this Council recommends to the Government that a Tuberculosis Hospital be established at a suitable place in the State.”

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder (Jews Special).—Is the climate of our State suitable for a Tuberculosis hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (Chief Medical Officer).—No.

Mr. A. R. Menon (Pallipuram).—With your leave, Sir, I beg to propose an amendment to the resolution. The words “in the State” towards the end of the resolution may be removed.

Amendment was accepted.

*** Dr. A. R. Menon (Pallippuram).**—Sir, I have great pleasure in seconding this resolution. There is no other disease that takes a higher toll than this fell disease, tuberculosis. The

* Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

peculiarity of this disease is that it requires prolonged treatment. Even those cases which are amenable to cure, require prolonged periods of treatment involving heavy expenditure. Further if you want to get any satisfactory result you will never get it by medical treatment alone unless the patients are in sanatorium conditions. The results derived by placing the patients in sanatorium supervision are more favourable than the results achieved by any other means. In a place like Madanapally which is suitable from the point of view of the climate, the results derived are on the whole more satisfactory than in any other place. Let it be clearly understood there is no special treatment at all apart from the fact that the climate is suitable for a sanatorium. Therefore if you want to have a hospital for Tuberculosis you must sacrifice your parochial empty headedness and select a site which is suitable for the treatment of such disease. Unfortunately no suitable site is obtainable anywhere in Kerala. The conditions under which this germ multiplies are moist temperature and sufficient heat. Our climate is very favourable for the multiplication of these bacilli and the atmosphere is moist and you have the moderate heat. I think the Government is also considering this problem. With the advent of the buses and motor cars dust nuisance has increased and the disease is more prevalent now than it has ever been. I think the Chief Medical Officer will agree with me when I say that the disease is increasing by leaps and bounds not only in this State but everywhere. I think therefore the question of starting a sanatorium is a very good idea provided you select a suitable site for it. A few miles outside the State limits, near Coimbatore, Madukara and Walayar we can get suitable sites. By giving facilities to the poor and by charging those who can afford to pay, a sanatorium can be started in the District of Coimbatore. An institution of this kind will be of great use to our people. It will be appreciated very much. By having a sanatorium in the district of Coimbatore it will be situated just like in one of the taluks of the State. I whole heartedly support the resolution. If you accept this resolution that is a matter which should be considered by the Government. We do not wish that it should be instituted forthwith. What we want the Government is to understand the usefulness of an institution like this. Money spent on this institution will not be wasted. It will be properly utilised and besides it will be a great boon and benefit for the State.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Trichur South).—On a point of information, may I know the approximate cost of a hospital

containing 25 beds? Does the Government pay any amount by way of contribution to the Madanappilli Hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—The calculation is not easy. But we have paid up till now Rs. 10,000 to the Madanappilli Hospital.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur South*).—Is it by way of yearly contribution?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—Sir, my predecessor the Hon'ble Member for Pallipuram has already discussed the various aspects of the question and my work has been very much lightened. I myself had been to the Madanappilli sanitorium.

Mr. P. Raman Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*).—Is it as a patient?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—No, not as a patient.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Pallippuram*).—He is stout and healthy.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—Even stout people are affected by this disease.

The chief thing essential for the treatment of this disease is a dry atmosphere. On the West coast, here, where the average rainfall is between 100 and 140 inches a year it is not possible to construct a sanitorium which would serve any useful purpose. Money spent over it will be a waste. I have been visiting the whole State to find some convenient place for the sanitorium. In every place the rainfall is over 100 inches.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur Rural*).—What is the rainfall in Chittur Taluk?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—There it is between 90 and 110 inches. It is unsuitable. The construction of a Tuberculosis hospital will cost not less than 60 to 80 thousand rupees and once we start it we cannot restrict admission. The number of patients that would seek admission to these hospitals will be very many. At present in Madanappilli it has been very difficult for patients to get admission, even after six months' of registration. It is more than two months since I recommended a patient to be admitted there. I had even sent a special letter to the superintendent. In spite of all that he could not get admission for want of room there.

Dr. A. R. Menon (Pallippuram).—All the more reason why we should have it here.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (Chief Medical Officer).—In Coimbatore district they have started a sanitorium near Erode. It will prove to be more useful to give some subsidy to that institution and see that our patients are admitted there. The idea of starting an institution within our State is not a practical proposition.

Dr. A. R. Menon (Pallippuram).—The Resolution has been amended.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (Chief Medical Officer).—Then the question of starting an institution belonging to the State outside the State and to maintain it is not possible just at present with the limited resources.

Dr. A. R. Menon (Pallippuram).—You said with the limited resources of the State. Therefore objection is not for starting a hospital outside State. It is a question of want of funds.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (Secretary to Government).—I would like to explain the position of Government. Pending availability of funds the question of entering into some arrangement with the Tuberculosis Hospital at Coimbatore will be considered by Government.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (Chittur Rural).—I beg to leave of the House to withdraw the resolution.

Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

9. Construction of a separate building for the Chittur Sirkar High School Hostel.

Mr. C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar (Chittur-Tattamangalam Town).—“*This Council recommends to the Government to take immediate steps for the construction of a separate building for the Hostel attached to the Sirkar High School, Chittur, sufficient to lodge the students seeking admission to the Hostel.*”

Sir, this is a matter which has been repeatedly brought to the notice of the Government by the public of Chittur wherever opportunities arose. This again is a longstanding grievance of the Chittur public. The Government have so far stood by the words “financial stringency” but I beg leave to submit